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Taft-Hartley Law

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Modernized Social Security System Urged on Congress by Advisory Body

Washington.—The Advisory Commission on the Administration of Social Security, which was created by the Social Security Act of 1935, today issued a report recommending that the present law be "radically restructured" to provide for a more efficient and economical system. The report, which is the first of a series of reports to be issued by the commission, was presented to the House of Representatives today by the committee on Education and Labor.

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Text of Green's Statement On Social Security Proposals

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The board ordered the election results set aside and ordered a new election to be held. It also ordered the UMW to pay a fine of \$1,420,000 for its refusal to bargain with the NLRB.

Persecution of Miners Hurt U. S. Interests Green Charges

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LPE Reports Widespread Enthusiasm Over Political Education Campaign

Washington.—Political education is sweeping the country, winning new converts to the cause of labor and to the cause of political education. The Political Education Campaign, which was launched by the American Federation of Labor (AFL) and the American Labor Union (ALU), is gaining widespread support among workers and labor leaders.

The campaign is aimed at educating workers about their rights and the importance of political action. It is being conducted through a series of lectures, seminars, and other educational activities.

Musicians' Union Sponsors Larger Free Music Program

New York.—The American Federation of Musicians will spend \$125,000 this year to provide free music for veterans' hospitals and other institutions. The program, which was launched by the American Federation of Musicians (AFM), is aimed at providing music for the entertainment of veterans and their families.

The program is being conducted through a series of concerts and other musical activities. It is being supported by the AFM and by other organizations.

Cement Workers Sweep Union-Shop Elections

President, Union Cement, Leads the Sweep
International Union

The result of union-shop elections recently held in several of the cement plants in the United States has shown a decisive victory for the union. The union, which is the International Union of Cement Workers, has won the elections in all of the plants where they were held.

The union has been successful in organizing workers in the cement industry, which has been one of the most difficult industries to organize.

Mississippi Becomes 48th State to Adopt AFL-Supported Workmen's Benefit Law

Washington.—The enactment of the Workmen's Compensation Act by the State of Mississippi today made the state the 48th to adopt such legislation. The law, which was passed by the Mississippi legislature, provides for the payment of compensation to workers who are injured or disabled as a result of their work.

The law is supported by the American Federation of Labor (AFL) and other labor organizations. It is aimed at providing financial protection for workers in the event of an injury or disability.

How Want Your Vote Too!

Do you regard the Taft-Hartley Act?
Are you for it or against it?
Here's your chance to vote!

The American Federation of Labor (AFL) is urging workers to vote on the Taft-Hartley Act. The union is asking workers to vote "no" on the act, which it believes is a threat to the rights of workers.

The union is holding a series of rallies and other activities to encourage workers to vote. It is asking workers to express their views on the act through the ballot box.

Adoption of 75-Cent Minimum Wage Law Urged by McComb, Wage and Hour Chief

Washington.—William R. McComb, chief of the Division of Labor Legislation, today urged the adoption of a 75-cent minimum wage law. He said that the law would provide a minimum wage for workers in the retail trade and service industries.

McComb said that the law would be a significant step toward the elimination of child labor and the improvement of the standard of living for workers. He urged Congress to pass the law as soon as possible.

HERMANN TO ADDRESS LABOR JOURNAL EDITORS

Urbana, Ill.—Lewis M. Hermann, Secretary-Treasurer of the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America (IUMSWA), today addressed the annual convention of the National Association of Labor Journal Editors.

Hermann spoke on the subject of "The Role of the Labor Journal in the Modern World." He discussed the importance of labor journalism in the fight for workers' rights and the improvement of the standard of living.

Upholders' Union Sets Convention Date

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